

Deputy Secretary of Defense Visits First Team

The Deputy Secretary of Defense, Dr. Paul Wolfowitz, visited the First Cavalry Division headquarters at Camp Victory North June 16. Wolfowitz met with the division's commanding general, Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli and other division leaders. Wolfowitz is the 28th deputy secretary of defense. He was sworn in by President George W. Bush on March 2, 2001.

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2-5 Cav., 306th ICDC Capture Large Weapons Cache

By Sgt. Dan Purcell

122nd MPAD

CAMP EAGLE- In the evening of June 14 Soldiers from Task Force Lancer, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in conjunction with the 306th Iraqi Civil Defense Corps 'Tiger Company' conducted a joint cordon and search that netted over 200 pounds of plastic explosives, thousands of rounds of ammunition, numerous rocket-propelled grenades, grenade launchers, light anti-tank weapons and several brand new heavy machine guns.

After a seemingly long, hot and dusty ride coalition forces descended on a cultural center in central Sadr City, the east Baghdad area where the

Mahdi militia was suspected of hiding weapons and operating an illegal prison.

"We had several reports,

which took several weeks to verify the information, that the Mahdi Army had an illegal prison in Sadr city and that they



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Sgt. Nathan Gibens, a team leader with Company C, 2-5 Cav. looks in awe at a weapons cache located at an Islamic cultural center that was being used by the Mahdi militia.

were detaining Iraqis who they thought were cooperating with the coalition," Command Sgt. Maj. Fernando Rodriguez, 2-5 Cav., explained. "Part of the information we received included the possibility that weapons might be stored there. [It] used to be a sports club and then it was turned into an Islamic cultural center, which they were using as a disguise."

Intelligence analyst Staff Sgt. Trent Bennet from 2-5 Cav., said a tip from local Iraqis led the unit to the site. In addition to stored weapons and the illegal detainment of Iraqi citizens, evidence suggests that the facility may have been used to torture prisoners.

"We were mainly looking for prisoners, and really didn't

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Hal Moore's Son Visits First Team in Iraq

By Pfc. Al Barrus

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CAMP FERRIN-HUGGINS- The son of Lt. Gen. Hal Moore, the co-author of *We Were Soldiers Once ... And Young* visited his father's legacy, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, in Baghdad June 3.

Lt. Col. David Moore's, father, retired Lt. Gen. Hal Moore, commanded 1-7 Cav. when the unit deployed to Vietnam in 1965. After he retired, Moore and civilian war journalist, Joe Galloway, wrote the book, which was made into the movie *We Were Soldiers*. The book portrayed the hardships of his troops during the 34-day battle at Ia Drang Valley.

Lt. Gen. Moore's son Lt. Col. Moore is the project manager of maneuver control systems in the Army Acquisition Corps. He is making rounds throughout the First Cavalry Division for a three-week command and control mission.

"My dad commanded the first of the seventh and that's why it's great to be out here

with the guys of the unit today," Moore said. "I can tell my dad about his legacy and show him I came here."

Commander of 1-7 Cav. Lt. Col. Bill Salter welcomed Lt. Col. Moore to his father's old unit and invited him on a patrol with the Soldiers.

"We gave him the opportunity to get out there on a patrol and see the Soldiers on the ground," Salter said.

Salter said the visit reminds the troops of the legacy of their unit and reminds them that they too are Soldiers; the same as those in the novel written by Moore and Galloway.

"People see the history of how Soldiers were sacrificing so much then: in Korea and Vietnam," Salter said. "And they are still sacrificing just as much now as they did then."



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While Soldiers of 1-7 Cav. conduct a traffic control point, Lt. Col. David Moore (right) son of the co-writer of *We Were Soldiers Once ... And Young*, speaks with Lt. Col. Bill Salter, the commander of 1-7 Cav: the unit which the novel was centered around.



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Cpl. Arturo Rodriguez, Company C, 2-5 Cav., removes rocket propelled grenade (RPG) launchers from a weapons cache found during a joint cordon and search mission with the 306th ICDC Bn.

2-5 Cav., ICDC Net Substantial Cache

Continued from Page 1 expect to find all that we did," Bennet added.

After the Soldiers conducted a thorough search of the facility, no prisoners were found. However, two men on the premises were detained for further questioning.

"It was definitely a very successful operation. We didn't get as many detainees as we thought we would, but the weapons cache kind of made up for that," Sgt. Chadd Breit, squad leader, Company C, 2-5 Cav. said. "Also, coordinating with the [Iraqi Civil Defense Corps] ICDC went really well too."



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New Restaurant Brings Local Flare to Camp Cooke

By Sgt. Merrion LaSonde

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CAMP COOKE- The latest franchise of the Alsaar restaurant chain opened on Camp Cooke June 4 to a packed house. More than 200 people turned out for the opening of the restaurant which features traditional Iraqi food as well as some American favorites. This latest opening marks the sixth restaurant operating in and around the Forward Operating Bases in the Baghdad area.

"The main Alsaar restaurant is in downtown Baghdad," said Kareem Shakoor, the owner of Alsaar. "We have restaurants in Tikrit, Fallujah, the Baghdad International Airport and in the Al Salam Palace outside the Green Zone. Camp Cooke's is the largest [restaurant] next to the main franchise in Baghdad."

Some of the American dishes include; pizza, burgers and fried chicken. Also available are Iraqi meals of whole roasted chickens, Lamb Tekka,

which is like a shish-ka-bob and chicken or beef Shawermas, meat and vegetables rolled in a thin tortilla-like bread.

"[The restaurant] breaks up the monotony of the mess hall and brings a little of the local culture to the Soldiers at Cooke," said Command Sgt. Maj. Juan Ortiz, command sergeant major of the 615th Aviation Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

Located outside the restaurant is a tea and hookah vendor. Patrons can lounge around the tables and chairs on the lawn sipping Arabic tea and sampling some of the local flavored tobaccos through a hookah, a smoking apparatus which distills the smoke through water. Using a long tube which acts as a straw, the hookah is meant to be shared by friends while enjoying conversation.

"This is a good place for Soldiers to come and relax," said Spc. Joshua Collins, an intelligence analyst with



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Warrior Pad at Camp Cooke boasts a barber, gift shop, tea and hookah vendor and a restaurant.

Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Cav. Div. "The food is a nice change from the [dining facility] and the souvenir shop is a nice touch."

Next to the tea vendor is an outdoor oven where the traditional Arabic pita-like bread is baked for the restaurant. Also located on the Warrior Pad complex is a barber, a gift shop, an Internet café and a phone center.

"We employ over 150 locals per day just in this battalion," said Ortiz. "Along with the Iraqi nationals that work the stores here, we have contracts out for plumbers, electricians, renovation and beautification. The idea is to constantly expand and improve so the military hand-off doesn't leave the locals out of jobs."

Offering the Soldiers another escape from their day to day grind in Iraq, the restaurant becomes a dance club on

Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. With two Soldiers manning the disc jockey booth, there is a little bit of something for just about everyone. Friday features the spicy sounds of Latin music; Saturday jumps with hip-hop, while Sunday is pure country and western music.

The restaurant by day and club by night was so popular, the restaurant ran out of food by lunchtime of the second day and the first Latin music night was standing room only.

"We didn't even have to advertise," Ortiz said.

The instant popularity of the complex has delighted Ortiz and has spawned ideas for future entertainments.

"I want this place to be like a walk-in mall with shops lining both sides of the street," Ortiz said. "I hope to open an Olympic-size swimming pool here as well. It is my plan to have someplace pleasant to be to enhance morale."



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An outdoor oven, located adjacent to the new restaurant at Camp Cooke, bakes traditional Iraqi bread.

Thursday

High: 107
Low: 77



Friday

High: 108
Low: 77



Saturday

High: 110
Low: 78



Weather information provided by 1CD Staff Weather Office (SWO)

Iraqi Word of the Day

bandage

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Eight Graduates From Fort Hood Area Headed to West Point

► From *Fort Hood Herald*

KILLEEN, Texas- The Fort Hood area's Class of 2004 is sending eight graduates to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in the fall, a large number given the tough selection process and limited slots. Archie Smith, Jesus Urrutia-Salazar, Duncan Walker, James Gallagher, and Kyle Stramara are the Killeen High School among the area's recipients of the Army's coveted college scholarship. Also selected were Alex Munoz from Shoemaker High School, Daniel Ball from Harker Heights High School and Nathaniel Stickney from Temple High School.

The selection process for the nation's premier academy is a tough task that begins as early as a student's high school freshman year.

"I recommend a student call the admissions office as soon as they get into high school," said retired Lt. Col. Kim Hunt, the West Point Leadership Award Committee chairman for the Heart of Texas West Point Society.

Hunt, a West Point graduate, said the school will develop a file on students who call. Once a file is opened, the student's progress through high school is monitored.

"That way, a student knows his or her progress, and they are able to make adjustments where necessary so they qualify," Hunt said.

Hunt said the process includes more than just academia.

"You have to have good grades, but athletics, and leadership positions weigh very heavily on selection, as well," Hunt said.

West Point really consid-

ers the "whole-person concept," said Hunt, noting a candidate must possess good character and must seek leadership positions in the clubs they join.

"Just showing up for a club meeting isn't going to be good enough," Hunt said. "West Point is looking for people who will be leaders, so students should try to get on the executive committees of the clubs they choose to join."

Hunt said being a club president is not necessary. However, a position as secretary, vice president, or treasurer shows initiative to become involved at a leadership level.

"Those things begin as early as a student's freshman year of high school," Hunt said. Once a student has an academic plan, and leadership plan in place, they must work hard to maintain grades, and do well in their extra-circular activities, Hunt said.

"Then when it comes time to apply, a student must get a nomination from their local congressman, or state senator.

Each congressman is assigned a certain number of nominees.

"But there are some who choose not to use theirs, and so sometimes an area can get extras if there are unused slots," Hunt said. "Perhaps that's why there were so many in our area this year."

Having a parent who is a West Point graduate or being the child of a Soldier who died in action can aid a candidate's chances, Hunt said.

Stramara will be following in his father's footsteps. His father, Col. Kevin Stramara, received his commission as a field artilleryman in 1980 from the academy. Kevin Stramara returned earlier this



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Eight graduates from Fort Hood area's Class of 2004 are heading to prestigious West Point Academy. Pictured from left, clockwise are: Nathaniel Stickney, Duncan Walker, Jesus Urrutia-Salazar, James Gallagher, Daniel Ball, Kyle Stramara, Archie Smith and Alex Munoz.

year from Iraq after leading the 4th Infantry Division's artillery brigade.

Like Stramara, Walker and Ball come from a family tradition of West Point graduates. "My dad went to West Point, so that was one of the reasons I wanted to go too," Ball said.

While helpful, many of the cadets do not have military backgrounds, Hunt said. "Mostly they have to earn their nominations themselves," Hunt said.

Once nominated by a local

Congressman, the students begin a review process. "They must travel to a local military installation to take several tests," Hunt said.

"Their appointment to the academy isn't final until they take a written exam, a physical exam, and have a complete medical examination," he said.

Acceptance letters usually are received by the end of April.

The letter contains information about the academy and starting dates. Training usually starts in June or early July.

4-Year-Old Boy Loses Foul Ball, Gains Baseball Souvenirs

► From AP

ARLINGTON, Texas- A 4-year-old boy who lost a foul ball to a not-so-grown-up adult is getting a windfall worthy of a game-winning home run hitter.

A man sitting behind Nick O'Brien at a Texas Rangers baseball game Sunday knocked the boy against the seats as he dived to get a foul ball. Fans started chanting "Give him the ball!" but the man wouldn't give it up.

"I couldn't believe someone would do something like that to a 4-year-old boy," said Nick's mother, Edie O'Brien.

O'Brien said she swatted the man with a cardboard fan and called him a jerk, among other names. "I said, 'You trampled a 4-year-old boy to get this ball,' and he said, 'Oh, well,'" she told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Wednesday, adding that the man seemed proud he got the ball.

Video shows Nick was standing up as the man dived across the boy's seat to grab the ball at Nick's feet. The man's leg strikes the boy, and the boy



AP

Nick O'Brien is held by his mother Edie after losing out on a foul ball Sunday during the Rangers-Cardinals game. Between innings, St. Louis' Reggie Sanders gave Nick a bat and ball.

is jostled a second time as the man stands up with the ball and appears to exchange words with the mother.

Nick wasn't hurt, but fan outrage mushroomed, and even Rangers announcer Tom Grieve voiced his disapproval on TV, calling the man "the biggest jerk in this park." The man and a woman with him left before the game was over.

Meanwhile, the Rangers

and the St. Louis Cardinals quickly made sure Nick got souvenirs of his own — two bats and four baseballs, including one signed by Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan, a former Ranger.

Cardinals outfielder Reggie Sanders came out between innings to give Nick a bat and ball. "In my heart, I thought I should do something," said Sanders. "It's all about the kids."

Today in History

June 17

► From historychannel.com

- 1579** English seaman Francis Drake claims California for Queen Elizabeth I and England
- 1775** The Battle of Bunker Hill
- 1940** British and Allied troops continue the evacuation of France, as Churchill reassures his countrymen
- 1972** Five men are arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate, an office-hotel-apartment complex in Washington, D.C.
- 1986** Singer Kate Smith dies
- 1994** Former football star and actor O.J. Simpson surrenders outside his Rockingham estate to Los Angeles police after being charged with the June 12 double-murder of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman



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INTERLEAGUE PLAY

Minnesota 5 (11 innings)
Montreal 4

Chicago Cubs 4
Houston 1

Pittsburgh 5
Anaheim 3

Florida 4
Chicago White Sox 0

Cincinnati 7
Texas 4

Cleveland 9
New York Mets 1

St. Louis 6
Oakland 2

TV GUIDE	AFN ATLANTIC	AFN PACIFIC	AFN Sports	AFN Spectrum
6 p.m.	Yu-Gi-Oh!/ Jackie Chan Adventures	Tonight Show with Jay Leno/ The Late Show with David Letterman	Golf - 104th U.S. Open: First Round (continuous)	Masterpiece Theater 5 p.m.
7 p.m.	Jeopardy/ Headline News	Access Hollywood 7:30 p.m.		The Wild Thornberrys/ Spongebob Squarepants
8 p.m.	ESPNNews/ Headline News	Sarah, Plain & Tall: Winter's End		The Simpsons/ Happy Days
9 p.m.	Everybody Loves Raymond/ Scrubs 9:25 p.m./ Reel Time 9:50 p.m.			One Tree Hill
10 p.m.	Extreme Makeover	American Gigolo		The West Wing